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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Press Contact at US-Canada Conference  
in New York

1. On 18-19 January 1977   
Chief OER/I/JP, attended a conference at the World  
Trade Institute in New York sponsored by PROBE Inter-  
national on the question Does US Business Have a Future  
in Canada?

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2. Although the conference talks were to be off  
the record, the Canadian press (including the CBC and  
the Toronto Star) was present outside the conference  
room during most of the meetings. Apparently the  
Toronto Star reporter obtained a copy of the list of  
attendees and sought me out at the conclusion of the  
conference for an interview. While acknowledging who  
I was, I pointed out I was in a hurry to catch a plane  
and would appreciate it if he would just pass it by,  
adding that it was a conference involving international  
economics and that I was an international economist --  
nothing mysterious about my attendance. His response  
was that I was declining an interview.

3. I have no way of knowing whether the reporter  
might play up this issue in his reporting on the  
conference, but the Toronto Star is one of the more  
nationalistic Canadian newspapers.

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